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SUBJ: CHILEAN RESPONSE TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST PLANS

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1. SUMMARY. PREOCCUPIED WITH MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, CHILEAN PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL REACTION TO PROPOSED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY MUTED. HOWEVER, CONGRESS, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS DN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE CONDEMNED TESTS. SOME OPPOSITION ELEMENTS CHARGING GOVT NOT PURSUING PROTESTS VIGOROUSLY BECAUSE IT OVERLY FEARFUL OF FRENCH ECONOMIC POWER. END SUMMARY.

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2.FONMIN ISSUED STATEMENT JULY 16 CATALOGUING REPEATED GOC PROTESTS

AGAINST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS. DOCUMENT REVEALS THAT THIS YEAR IN ADDITION TO JUNE 21 CHILE/ECUADOR/PERU DECLARATION (REFTEL), GOC SENT DIP NOTE TO FRENCH ON MAY 15 AND AGAIN COMMUNICATED WITH GOF ON JULY 4 TO EXPRESS "MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST." STATEMENT REAFFIRMED GOC'S "PROFOUND CONCERN" ABOUT RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TESTS.

3. GOC STATEMENT IN PART DESIGNED TO ANSWER OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT GOVT NOT BEING OUTSPOKEN ENOUGH IN ITS PROTESTATIONS FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING FRENCH. JULY 16 LA PRENSA (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC) EDITORIAL POLEMICIZED THAT GOVT. OVERLY CONCERNED WITH IMPORTANCE OF FRENCH ROLE IN PARIS CLUB NEGOTIATIONS AND ALLEGED GOC SILENCE REPRESENTS "FLAGRANT CASE OF MORTGAGING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY."

4. VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, STUDENT AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS CHILEAN CONGRESS HAVE ALSO GONE ON RECORD CONDEMNING TESTS. OR ITS PART, FRENCH EMBASSY HAS ACTIVELY DEFENDED POLICY WITH PRESS INTERVIEWS AND TV APPEARANCES. FRENCH LINE IS THAT NO PROOF EXISTS THAT FALLOUT COMPROMISES HUMAN HEALTH OR MARINE RESOURCES. TO DATE VISITING FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIANS, MAURICE PAPON AND ROBERT ANDRE VICIEN, HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLICLY DRAWN INTO DEBATE. AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND FRENCH AMABASSADORS WERE INTERVIEWED REGARDING TESTS ON SUNDAY ON GOVT-OWNED TV/7 (SEPARATELY).

5. COMMENT. WRAPPED UP IN THEIR OWN COMPLEX PROBLEMS, CHILEANS HAVE HAD LITTLE TIME OR INTEREST FOR ISSUE OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS. CONSEQUENTLY, ISSUE LARGELY A BACKPAGE ITEM. HOWEVER, PROTESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE ARE MOST PROBABLY GENUINE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF MAJORITY CHILEAN VIEW. PREDICTABLE OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT GOVT NOT ACTING VIGOROUSLY ENOUGH IN PROTESTS TO FRENCH MAY HAVE SOME VALIDITY, BUT IN TERMS OF ONGOING OPPOSITION-GOVT CONFRONTATION. ISSUE OF TERTIARY IMPORTANCE AT MOST.  
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